IN THE CLAIMS:

(Original): A nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter integral to a valve body, comprising:
 a first cover member mounted to an open side of the valve body, the first cover
 member having at least one first oil hole for allowing oil flow therethrough, the first cover
 member being in close contact with the valve body;

a second cover member conjoined with the first cover member, the second cover member having at least one second oil hole; and

a nonwoven fabric oil filter disposed in a hollow portion between the first and second cover members, for filtering oil flowing from the valve body into the hollow portion.

- 2. (Original): The nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter of claim 1, wherein a plurality of the first oil holes are provided.
- 3. (Original): The nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter of claim 1, wherein a gasket is interposed between the first cover member and the valve body such that oil leakage therefrom is prevented.
- 4. (Original): The nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter of claim 1, wherein the first and second cover members are bolt-engaged to the valve body.
- 5. (Original): The nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter of claim 1, wherein:
 at least three first oil holes are provided, with equal planar spacing;
 a gasket is interposed between the first cover member and the valve body such that
 oil leakage therefrom is prevented; and

the first and second cover members are bolt-engaged to the valve body.

6. (Currently Amended): A nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter, comprising:

a first cover member configured and dimensioned to be mounted in close contact with an open side of a valve body, the first cover member having at least one first oil hole for allowing oil flow therethrough;

a second cover member conjoined with the first cover member and defining a hollow portion therebetween, the second cover member having at least one second oil hole;

a nonwoven fabric oil filter disposed in said hollow <u>portion</u> between the first and second cover members, for filtering oil flowing from the valve body into the hollow portion; and

a gasket disposed against said first cover member and configured and dimensioned to be interposed between said first cover member and the valve body such that oil leakage therefrom is prevented.

- 7. (Original): The nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter of claim 6, wherein a plurality of the first oil holes are provided.
- 8. (Original): The nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter of claim 7, wherein at least three first oil holes are provided, with equal planar spacing.
- 9. (New): A nonwoven-fabric-type oil filter, comprising:

a first cover member configured and dimensioned for a substantial portion thereof to be mounted to an open side of a valve body, the first cover member having at least one first oil hole for allowing oil flow therethrough;

a second cover member conjoined with the first cover member and defining a hollow portion therebetween, the second cover member having at least one second oil hole; and

a nonwoven fabric oil filter disposed in said hollow portion between the first and second cover members, for filtering oil flowing from the valve body into the hollow portion.